Forest Service Studies Lightning By Seeding Clouds

WASHINGTON — Cloud seeding as a means of preventing or reducing the severity of lightning will be tried out in northern Arizona as part of the Forest Service sponsored program known as "Project Skyfire." This cooperative program is designed to learn more about the occurrence, behavior, and control of lightning caused fires.

Experiments will be carried out on the Coconino National Forest were lightning causes hundreds of fires annually. More than 6,000 lightning fires occur each year in western forests, representing 65 per cent of the forest fires in the Rocky Mountain states, and 42 per cent in the Pacific Coast states.

A specially built mobile radar unit will detect, track, and analyze lightning storms. It also will assist in comparing the results on seeded and unseeded cloud systems. This is the first use of radar in forest fire control. The unit, installed in a truck trailer adapted for this special purpose by the U. S. Weather Bureau, has project headquarters near Flagstaff, Arizona.

Lightning storms and cloud systems in the project area will be observed from a network of fire lookout stations. Time lapse motion picture cameras on several towers will record the life cycle of lightning storms.

Actual seeding will be on an exploratory basis only and will be limited to the occasions when isolated lightning storms develop that are suitable for this type of study.

Infant Survival Rate Increasing

NEW YORK—Important gains have been made in reducing the heavy loss of life among babies during the later stages of pregnancy and soon after birth, but such mortality still constitutes a serious medical and public health problem.

Prenatal mortality declined steadily in the United States from a death rate of 31.4 per 1,000 live births in 1940 to 25.0 in 1953.

Despite this progress, more than 136,000 such deaths were recorded in 1953. Of this number, about 69,000 were still-births and 67,000 were liveborn children who died before they were one week old. The latter figure alone is twice the number of deaths that occur yearly among children in the age range from one to fourteen years. Premature birth was reported as an associated condition in a majority of deaths within the first week.

The prenatal death rate is higher for male babies than for females, and prenatal mortality is shown to vary according to the adequacy of prenatal care and diet of the mother. It is high for first-born infants regardless of age of mother, but especially where the mother is over 40.

Here's Where Average Eater Gets Calories

WASHINGTON — The average American civilian in 1955 obtained 12 per cent of his calories from protein, 41 per cent from fat and 47 per cent from carbohydrates.

These Department of Agriculture figures show considerable change from two decades ago when the national average was 11 per cent from protein, 36 per cent from fat and 53 per cent from carbohydrates.

While the protein figure had the smallest change percentagewise, it has won the most attention from nutritionists.

Protein provides the building blocks for growth. It comes from milk, meat, poultry, eggs, fish, soya flour and nuts.

Soya flour is used as a protein booster in many cereal foods, such as bread, cake, breakfast foods, macaroni and spaghetti.

Salute to Shoppers

NEW YORK — Masculine merchandise is now being packaged to appeal to feminine shoppers. Manufacturers have found that even though the purchase may be for the head of the house it is the woman who makes the decision and usually does the buying. Socks are being packaged in folding boxes that resemble a book with the merchandise between the pages. Tie and socks sets are in bright boxes that look like a big box of matches. All of this, say the manufacturers, is because the little woman wants the package she takes home to look as attractive on the outside as it does on the inside.

Too Many Experts

CLEVELAND, Ohio, — Colleges are producing too many experts and too few men who know how to make decisions, says Stringfellow Barr, former president of St. John's College in Annapolis.

Said Barr: "If American colleges could produce graduates able to read and write, it would be an educational revolution."

FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Sawdust Mulch Beneficial to Vegetables in Tests

Sawdust mulch, in general, has produced beneficial effects on vegetable crops in tests conducted by VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

Reports show that yield increases have been notable, ranging up to 332% for cucumbers, 62% for tomatoes, 35% for lettuce, 30% for potatoes and 30% for snap beans. In addition a saving of moisture in the soil and lessening of fluctuations in soil temperature are reported.

The sawdust has increased the organic matter content of the soil, and has caused no appreciable change in soil pH, or in the relative amounts of calcium, magnesium, phosphoric acid, and potash present in the soil.

The limited supply of sawdust in some areas, the large amount required, and the problems involved in supplying it, restrict its use to the home garden. But on the results of tests, the following recommendations are made for home gardeners in Virginia:

Plant garden seed and cover with soil in the usual way. Then apply a quarter-inch layer of sawdust in a band about four inches wide on top of the row. When the vegetables are about two inches high, destroy all weeds by cultivating or hoeing and apply a one-inch layer of sawdust over the entire area planted.

Proper Transplanting Improves Home Garden

When transplanting vegetables, remember, care is needed to lessen the shock.

Transplanting always sets plants back. When transplants have been grown in small, individual containers be careful not to break the soil around the roots when removing the container. Some greenhouses sell plants in containers that rot easily, so that the plants do not have to be removed from the container.

This lessens transplant shock.

If the plants are to be removed from a greenhouse flat, cut out each plant with as much soil as possible. Then set each plant a little deeper than it grew in the flat. Press the soil firmly around each plant in a downward motion, and don't pinch the stems.

The best time for transplanting is on a cloudy day or late in the afternoon.

Direct Cut Not Recommended For High Moisture Forage

The direct cut silage-making method is not recommended for high moisture forage.

Research has shown it to be a wasteful process.

Agricultural engineers and dairy scientists at the University of Wisconsin found that nearly half the total forage weight and more than 1-8 of the total dry matter was lost in liquids draining out of the silage.

The researchers cut legume-grass at less than 1-0 bloom and put it directly in the silo. Moisture content of the fresh-cut forage was 86% as it went into the silo.

They collected the runoff from the silo pits and found that it weighed around 40% as much as the forage put into theh silo. Tests also showed that it contained 13-½% of the dry matter put into the silo.

The researchers said it was an expensive loss of good protein, minerals and energy.

In an attempt to salvage some of these losses, the researchers pumped run-off from one silo back into the silage, but losses from this silo were only 1% lower than for the silo where the run-off was discarded.

When the silage was fed to cows, it was found that that the cows slightly preferred the silage from the silo where the run-off was not recirculated.

As a result of the test, the research men said that cutting forage early is fine, but because of the high moisture content it should be wilted before it goes into the silo.

Wilting can bring the moisture percentage down to a 65 to 70 per cent level which is recommended.

YELLOW LIGHT LESS ATTRACTIVE TO BUGS

Yellow lights don't repel insects, as many people think, but at least they don't act as a lure.

Actually, the insects just don't see yellow lights. Insects are attracted to blue and ultra violet light.

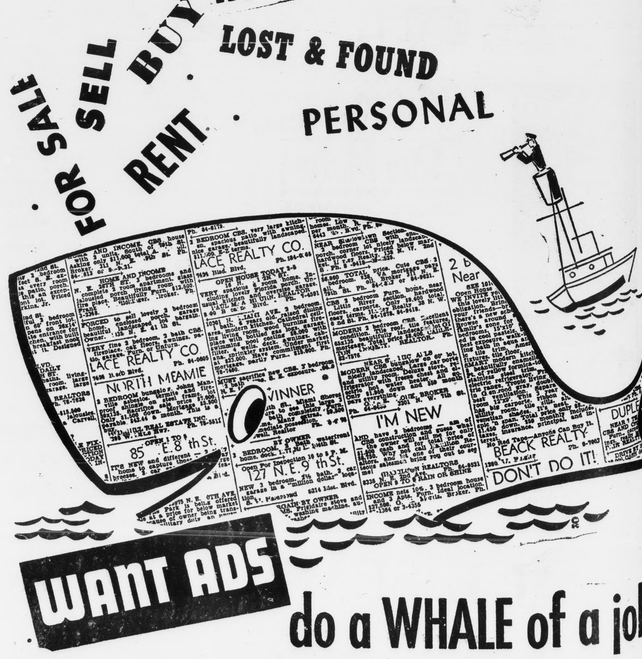
If you would like to have fewer bugs at the back yard picnic, yellow lights should help.

Try placing a strong blue light (regular bulb) in a remote corner to invite the insects to a picnic of their own, saving the peopled area relatively free of the yellow light. Of course, this will kill the pests. Insecticide chemicals come in

KNOW YOUR NAVY

Gunner's Mate

NAVY SHIPS WITH THEIR VARIOUS SIZED GUNS HAVE LONG BEEN PROTECTORS OF OUR NATION AGAINST ENEMY AGGRESSORS. THE GUNNER'S MATE OPERATES, MAINTAINS, AND REPAIRS ALL THE SMALL ARMS, LARGE NAVAL GUNS AND EQUIPMENT ABOARD NAVY SHIPS, AS WELL AS HANDLE AND STORE ALL AMMUNITION. THEY ALSO DIRECT, TRAIN AND SUPERVISE THE GUN CREWS.



A Growing Newspaper In A Growing Town

TIMES-VIRGINIAN

Historic Appomattox Gave Unity and Peace to America

A LIVE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE VIRGINIA

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Father Darkleaf

Dear h. r.

As you know, I have been but losing battle with but two "i's" in the Holiday Lake. The trouble did not come from work, or vacation or a school a holiday. The name came of the creek water which feeds the man-made lake near miles of old maps led to the name of that Holiday Creek, although information on what family has been named for or named Holiday Creek However, I have just some interesting evidence many of our readers Appomattox County was established the year 1845, being parts of Buckingham, Charlotte and Prince Edward. The county was named after a river which traverses it. Original papers setting up the county, its boundaries were set out in some detail. The town of Appomattox County were laid in 1845:

"Beginning at the mouth of Dawson's creek on James river; thence up the line to the head of said creek; thence down the meanders to Appomattox river; thence down the same to the mouth of Cabbin branch opposite to Spring creek; thence up the said branch to its head; thence a straight line to Merryman's or Hanson's ordinary on the public road leading by McKinney's old tavern to the fork of the Lynchburg road a little north of the Red Oak church; thence a straight line to the house formerly owned by William Hanson along the Lynchburg road and formerly owned by Jacob Branch, esquire, on Spring creek; thence up the said branch of Reedy creek; thence a straight line to Hunter's tavern (now Greer's); thence to Sterling C. Anderson; thence a straight line to Mr. Scott's branch about one mile south of Joshua's mill on Staunton river; and thence down said river to the beginning."

Of interest to me, was the mention of HOLLEWAY creek, in-law of Holiday. Someone, somewhere, knew the story of the creek feeding the popular lake.

Long ago, there are other, to the above boundary in this county which are interesting background. Names mentioned, was, of course, the first town of Appomattox, named for the Indian tribe. I am not familiar with Sterling C. Anderson's land's. I also know Hunter's tavern, but this Sterling C. Anderson name was all new to me. Someone, in this county, must have been of Sterling, or at least the only one to have had a road named after his name. And this refreshes my memory, I have references to Red Oak and "the" in front of it. I seem to associate Red Oak with Hancock with this question why should the color of paint on a house name the town? I suppose it had been painted green?

Anyway, I am told that Appomattox and its recreational facilities have been vastly improved since I used to slip up in the night and ease a few loads of pure white sand onto my area.

I am not complaining. I enjoyed swimming in the hole, south of that day long rope to a tree limb and cut loosely to reach deep water in the small river.

CONTINUED 4-H PICNIC

Appomattox County 4-H Club members held their annual picnic at Holiday Lake on Saturday, July 13. Following the afternoon and a picnic supper, new members were initiated into the Appomattox County 4-H Honor Club. To become a member of the Club, a 4-H member must have completed three years of 4-H club work, and have reached the age of fourteen by the end of the current year. Twenty new members were initiated at this time, including Patty Bryant, Bush, Sandra Pillow, Fonzy Locado, and Betsy

Seven To Take Exam For Local Postmaster

A Civil Service examination for those seeking the office of Postmaster at Appomattox, will be conducted in Lynchburg on the morning of Saturday, July 27.

Richard L. Wingfield is serving as Acting Postmaster here, following the recent retirement of E. LeRoy Smith.

We are informed that the following have qualified to take the Civil Service examination:

H. W. (Billy) Conner
Richard L. Wingfield
Charlie C. Carter
H. H. Caldwell, Jr.
Cliff Harvey
Ben Wheeler
John W. Crafton.

Following the examination, there will likely be a period of several months before a permanent appointment is made, with Mr. Wingfield continuing as Acting Postmaster.

GOP Chairman Resigns; To Be For Almond

The Times-Virginian was informed this week by J. Thomas Almond that he has resigned as Chairman of the Republican Party for Appomattox County. The veteran party chairman stated that he did not attend the recent state Republican Convention, and added "I intend to vote for the Democratic nominee, J. Lindsay Almond, for Governor in the November General Election."

Mr. Almond has attended many State and National Republican Conventions in past years.

We are informed that Mr. J. J. Wingfield, long recognized as an active leader in Republican Party affairs in this county, has been named as the new Chairman for this county.

August 1 Is Deadline To Preserve Acreage

As announced earlier, an amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 permits farmers to preserve their farm acreage history for purpose of determining future allotments whether or not the allotted acreage is planted. The request for preservation of history of each crop for which an allotment is established must be signed by a specific closing date.

The request to preserve 1957 acreage allotment history for Burley, fire-cured, Maryland, and sun-cured tobacco, must be signed at the county ASC office by August 1. C. D. Lewis, chairman of the Appomattox ASC Committee, urges all farmers who wish to preserve acreage history of the foregoing commodities to make their request not later than August 1, as after that date, no such requests will be accepted.

221 Farmers In ASP Program

A statement from the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee shows that 221 farmers in this county participated in the Agricultural Program (ASP) in 1956.

ASC Chairman C. D. Lewis reports that Appomattox County farmers received $39,488.00 in Federal cost-sharing while the remainder of the cost of carrying out conservation practices was paid by farmers with their own funds, labor, materials and equipment.

One of the most popular ACP practices in Appomattox County was the establishment of permanent protective cover of grass or legumes, Mr. Lewis noted. About 514 acres were established in the county in 1956 with the help of ACP cost-sharing.

To establish a permanent grass or legume cover, Mr. Lewis estimated that it costs between $35 and $40 per acre including land preparation, seed and fertilizer. Under ACP, farmers received an average of $23.90 per acre in carrying out this practice, a little over half the cost, he said.

Another popular 1956 ACP practice in Appomattox County, the chairman described, was the initial improvement of an established permanent vegetative cover for soil or watershed protection. He placed the average cost of improving vegetative cover including lime and fertilizer at about $20 to $25 per acre. The government under ACP paid an average of $9.50 per acre to Virginia farmers last year for this practice in protecting over 180,000 acres.

"That permanent cover will be making a good conservation contribution for many years to come," Mr. Lewis noted.

Conservation practices offered Appomattox County farmers for ACP cost-sharing are selected by the ASC county committee, the local Soil Conservation Service technician, and the county agent.

AT F. F. A. CAMP

Brod Pack is attending F. F. A. Camp at Margot Beach, Smithfield, Va., this week.

COUNTY 4-H'ERS AT ANNUAL CAMP AT HOLLIDAY LAKE

Appomattox County will be well represented next week at Holliday Lake 4-H Camp. The counties of Appomattox, Amherst and Franklin will be attending camp the week of July 22 to 27. Mr. B. G. Wilkins, County Agent of Amherst, will be the camp director for the week. Extension Agents from Appomattox, Amherst and Franklin Counties will supervise the club members.

Leaders who will be attending with the Appomattox group are Mrs. Lucille Ferrell, Mrs. Herman Nash, Janice Ruth McClenny, Mary Walker Evans, and John Evans.

Among the 4-H members who will be attending are: Carey Ann Carson, Jayne Martin, Virginia Carolyn Caldwell, Barbara Gaines, Carolyn Keys, Myrtie Christian, Kathy Jo Bragg, Jane Wilson, Joyce Edmonds, Carole Justice, Mary Yancey Spencer, Kitty Lou O'Brien, Peggy Lewis, Nancy Lewis, Carolyn Carter, Nancy Boney, Carolyn Hall, Anita Richardson, Carolyn Good, Kathryn Taylor, Nancy Chandler, Mabel Baldwin, Harriette Karvey, Gail Webb, Jill Henry, Jenny Henry, Susan Burke, Diane McCormick, Linda Dell Anderson, Betsy Williams, Estelle Covington, Ruby Mayberry, Eunice Anne Martin, Jane Hanner Stanely, Carolyn Coleman, Janice Gilliam, Nancy Jo Kidd, Sarah Ina Wayne, Barbara Kay Staples, Bonnie Fay Paulette, Patsy Jamerson, Alene Sadler, Gray Holland, Becky Barger, Sandra Staten, Betty Rae Nash, Barbara Holt, Jimmy Burke, Butch Bryant, David Repass, Dicky Morris, Kelly O'Brien, Phillip Cocks, Kenneth Baldwin, Dennis Brown, James Gurney, Jimmy Morris, Bob Harris, Rudy Shelton, Thomas Lucado, Jimmy Torrence, Donnie Brown, Sammy Inge, John J. Gillette, Jr.; Billy King, T. C. Torrence, Edward Ferguson, Jimmy Martin, Phillip Phelps, Winfred Nash, Ronnie Phelps, Sammie Phelps, Jimmy Phelps, Herby Pulliam, Eddie Covington, Joe Terry, Charles Farrar, Herman Nash, Jr., Carroll Vandergrift, Donald Gurney.

Federal Gas Tax Forms Available

County Agent Jm Smith advises that he now has in his office a supply of the forms to be used for claiming refund of federal tax on gasoline used on the farm. Those farmers who applied for the refund last year have already received their forms for this year through the mail. Farmers who did not file last year must secure their blanks at the county aent's office. Forms must be filed befor September 30, 1957.

RECREATION NEWS

Final Standing Little Baseball Leagu

Team	Won	Lost
Herncalls	14	4
Coleman-Parkway	9	9
Taylor-Abbitt	7	12
Jaycees	6	13

The Little League baseball team has arranged games with Amherst and the first game was played at 4:30 P. M. yesterday here.

H. S. Basketball League Standing

Spencers	6	1
Moses Motor	3	3
McDearmon	1	5
Jamerson	0	6

Red Cross Swimming

Girls and boys passing the swimming classes the past week are:

Beginners: Barry Few, Wayne Mann, Larry Guill, Jo Terry, Julia Ann Guill, Vicki Smith, Donna Guill, Nancy Boney, and Almond, Ray Evans, Rand Evans, Jean Cole, Wilford Rogers, Sue O'Brien, Kathryn Taylor, Nancy Jane Abbitt, Janet Moses.

Intermediates: Nancy Lewis, Charles Martin, Tom Harrison, Carolyn Coleman, John Ivis, James Gurney.

Swimmers: Grey Hand, Jane Wilson, Jimmy Torrence.

Study finds that one-sixth can afford new home.

Senator Byrd Scores Civil Rights Bill

Senator Harry Flood Byrd, of Virginia this week joined his Southern Senators in a resounding condemnation of the so-called Civil Rights Bill before the Senate. Senator Byrd has supplied The Times-Virginian with a copy of his address, from which we quote:

"I am proud to be a member of the Senate which I regard as the greatest legislative body in the world. The rules of the Senate, basically handed down through Thomas Jefferson, are one of the reasons for the great respect in which this Chamber is universally held.

"I have been honored by long membership in this body, and I can tell you from experience that when you start breaking, by-passing, and tampering with the rules of the Senate you are in trouble. It is invariably unnecessary trouble, and frequently it is serious trouble. It's like telling a lie. You can't do it just once—just a little bit—and get by. Each time leads to another, and with each breach you become more involved.

"That is what has already happened here. In the first place we've got one of the most vicious bills ever presented to the Congress. The brief discussion on this motion has developed that there may be but a scant few members of the Senate who are now satisfied with H. R. 6127 as it was passed by the House of Representatives.

"Yet, for neither good nor sufficient reason we broke the rule requiring it to be sent to Committee. So what happened under this procedure? An unperfected bill was given first and second readings in the Senate. It was a bill fundamentally different from the one passed by the House.

"Now we are not only faced with the doubtful procedure of voting on a motion to take up a thing called a "star print" which has not been laid down in the Senate in compliance with the rules, but also by the fact that the Speaker of the House still has under advisement a question formally raised on the record in the House as to whether the House should recall the imperfect bill which it officially sent to the Senate.

"What happens next in this chain of rule breaking events? The Senate will be deprived of the benefit of committee report containing carefully stated majority and minority views. And, deprived of committee report, the Senate also will be deprived of the benefit of the requirements of the Cordon Rule under which the changes made by this bill in existing law must be set forth clearly in comparative form.

"The importance of this information was dramatically demonstrated only last week when the Senior Senator from Georgia showed the Senate, the Nation, the President, and the press — to the confessed surprise of all — how designing drafters had hidden the fact that a Reconstruction Era statute would be invoked under H. R. 6127 to provide the ARMED MIGHT of the United States for enforcement of the bill's provisions.

"This bayonet force is only a sample of the kind of vicious stuff of which this bill is made. I cite it at this point only to show the need for the Cordon Rule which is bypassed under the Senate procedure chosen by proponents of the bill.

"How many more rules will be so ruthlessly swept aside in this procedure, so unworthy of the Senate, no one knows, but I venture the assertion that the end is not in sight.

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"Proponents of the bill readily concede one of their principal purposes in this bill is to avoid trial by jury. This means reverting to 'star chamber justice.'

"If there is any doubt about this being a bad bill, we can start with the President of the United States as the first authority on the deception which has been perpetrated on him, on the Congress and on the Public. He has repeatedly said he looks on the bill primarily as covering only so-called voting rights.

"But at a new, conference several weeks ago, he appeared to be getting a glimmer of the injustice to which he was being made a party. He said he did not understand what he called the 'legal quirks' in the bill Then at a later news conference, he went further, and said he had been reading the bill and did not understand all of its language.

"Bear in mind that the President, for the prestige of his position, has been pushed out as the number one proponent of this bill. It's true he is not a lawyer. But, if there is still doubt as to whether this is a bad bill, devised, drafted and contrived to deceive, listen to its principal proponents in the House of Representatives, who are lawyers.

"I quote from the House debate on this very bill, H. R. 6127, which is not to be given the benefit of Senate Committee deliberation. Congressman Keating is speaking, and I quote:

" 'I will say to the gentleman that I was the author of this provision as it came to me from the Justice Department. I say to the gentleman

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POSTPONES MEETING

The Garden Club will postpone its July meeting until Monday, July 29. The meeting will be held in the County Library.

COUNTY FIRE WARDEN WARNS OF FIRES

The present dry weather is increasing the danger of forest fires at an alarming rate, say Virginia Division of Forestry foresters. The lack of rain over this Southside Virginia area has dried forest, brush and grass land to a point where extreme caution and care are a must if we are to keep fire losses at a minimum.

Quick to caution against carelessness with brush, trash and picnic fires, cigarettes and other burning material, Chief Forest Warden J. L. Torrence, of this county, asks that everyone take extreme care during the present dry period. Summer fires are destructive and hard to put out.

OVER 100 AT PRESBYTERY MEETING HERE

Appomattox Presbytery held its summer meeting in the Presbyterian Church here Tuesday, with over one hundred ministers and elders present. Mr. J. A. Burke spoke words of welcome, with information as to the name Appomattox and the historic significance. Dr. Ben R. Lacy, Jr. preached the sermon as Retiring Moderator, and Rev. George Aichel led the afternoon devotional service.

Dr. Edgar A. Woods was elected Moderator. Four young men were examined and licensed to preach: James Lindsey, Parker Perkins, Manson Estes, and Charles Hutcheson. Another, Richard Mizell, was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. Rev. Z. E. Lewis, formerly a missionary in Mexico, was received by letter of transfer from Montgomery Presbytery.

Lunch was served in the high school cafeteria by the women of church, the Hixburg and Stonewall churches having part in the provision of the meal, at which nearly one hundred and twenty were served.

BRUNSWICK STEW AT LEGION HALL; TO INSTALL OFFICERS

American Legion Post 104 will hold its annual Brunswick Stew, and installation of officers, at the American Legion Hall, at 6:30 P. M. on Monday, July 22.

This will be a joint meeting with the American Legion Auxiliary, who will install their new officers at the same time. Mrs. Grace Gordon, of Farmville, the Dept. Chairman of Americanism, will install the officers for the Auxiliary.

The guest speaker and installing officer for the Legion will be Mr. Jack Rainey, District Commander.

Post Adjutant Emile T. Bruce urges all Legionnaires, the ladies, families and guests to attend.

Softball League

Softball League Standing

Team	W	L
Concord	12	4
Appomattox Garment Co.	12	5
Simpson	12	5
Oakville	9	8
Transco	4	13
Jaycees	1	15

Results of Games

Thursday, July 11: Jaycees 5, Transco 2; Simpson 7, Appomattox Garment Co. 6.

Friday, July 12: Concord 7, Monday, July 15: Concord 14, Appomattox Garment Co. 1; Simpson 15, Jaycees 5.

Transco 0; Oakville 16, Jaycees 0.

Tuesday, July 16: Appomattox Garment Co. 20, Transco 3; Simpson 3, Oakville 1.

Schedule

July 18: Concord vs Jaycees, Transco vs Oakville.

July 19: Jaycees vs Garment Co.; Simpson vs Concord.

July 23: Garment Co. vs Concord; Jaycees vs Simpson.

ABBITT ASKS SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL ECONOMY

Representatitve Watkins M. Abbitt has warned that for the economy drive to pay off, there must be a sustained interest both from the people back home and by members of Congress.

The Fourth District Congressman, in a week-end speech before the Lunenburg County Farm Bureau, said that he has been "indeed disappointed" in recent weeks to see "a waning of interest in economy both on the part of the people back home and the Congress."

Abbitt, a longtime foe of excessive government spending, said he is encouraged by the cuts made so far by Congress. He pointed out that the House had cut upwards of $5,000,000,000 from the record peacetime budget submitted in January and the Senate has gone along with a good many of these reductions.

"Unfortunately," he continued, "so much has been happening in the past month or six weeks to divert the minds of our people that there has been a slowing down or lessening on the part of the grass roots to follow through on the economy drive."

The Congressman said that as a result of this waning of interest, the final results may see a smaller reduction in the budget than could have been achieved. "We cannot afford to slacken the demand for economy and reduction in expenditures," he declared.

Abbitt also took occasion to sharply criticize the Administration's school construction bill which soon be considered in the House. He said passage of the bill "will greatly endanger the freedom of our people," and added:

"The question to be decided in passing upon this legislation is simple. We must decide whether the public schools are to be operated, maintained and controlled by the localities and the states or whether the public schools of the nation are to be turned over eventually to the Federal government."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has warned vacationers to beware of hitchhikers.